CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	E6003ECCBE65C38728A0EF52AEE5261F.png
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1500387.029
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	30 June 2015
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	30 June 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file consists of a thumbnail photograph with a sexualised image of a semi-naked prepubescent girl in a studio pose. The image focuses on the deliberate display of the girl's genital area. It is clearly intended to appeal to people with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest.

The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.